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busy fingers thereupon, the country over, went steadily to work to make them? Yet official authority could not order a single pair, because they were not mentioned among the military requisitions. In regard to sutlers, the sufferance is unquestioned, because it is in accordance with routine, as in regard to mittens it was impossible to provide them, though camps should be strewn with frozen fingers, because they were not in the orders. It is in such matters that the necessity of legislation is shown.

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